

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-14, 17-21 and 23-36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 9, 15, 16 and 22 are canceled, claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 20, 21 and 26 are amended, and claims 31-36 are added. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiners Blackwell and Hong at the interview held November 4 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

In the Office Action, claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Graham (The Reader's Helper). Additionally, claims 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Graham. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, the Office Action equates first selectable elements to a hypertext link in the original and equates the second selectable element to annotated key words. The Office Action then argues that a Thumbar acts to form a lens that zooms the image in a region of the Thumbar. However, as discussed, this does not form a second selectable element as claimed that makes an associated destination of the first selectable element directly accessible by selection of the second selection element on the thumbnail. Moreover, as discussed, Graham fails to teach or suggest a second selectable element on the thumbnail display that has an "enhanced" appearance making a visual cue for a user to allow identification of and selection of the second selectable element.

Independent claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 20, 21 and 26 are amended to clarify these distinctions. In particular, each claim now recites that the at least one element is the second selectable element and that the second selectable element has a modified proportionally larger appearance relative to an appearance of a corresponding element in the original. This is supported, for example, by the second selectable elements shown in Figures 4-8, 10, 13, 14,

19, 20, 22-24, 26-30, etc. All of these make the second selectable element have "enhanced" visual cues for selection that enables a user to select a suitable destination directly from the thumbnail, while viewing the reduced scale thumbnail representation of the original, without having to view the original to be directed to a particular destination referenced in the original.

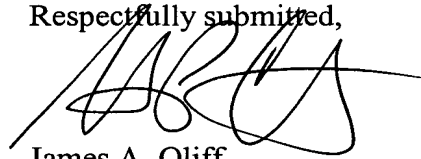
Because Graham fails to teach each and every feature of the various independent claims, these claims and claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated by Graham. Moreover, because Graham fails to appreciate the problems faced by Applicants', the subject matter of the pending claims would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

New claims 31-36 are added that further clarify that the "enhanced" selectable element includes a text overlay. These claims are allowable for their dependence on allowable base claims and for the additional features recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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